

(4) And He had to go through Samaria.<sup>a</sup>

(5) Then He came to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar {end}, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

(6) Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with *His* journey, sat on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour {noon}.<sup>b</sup>

(7) There came a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus said to her, **Give Me a drink.**

(8) (Because His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

(9) Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink of me, who am a woman of Samaria? because the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

(10) Jesus answered and said to her, **If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is Who said to you, Give Me a drink; you would have asked of Him, and He would have given you living water.**

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(11) The woman said to Him, Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from where then do you have that living water?

(12) Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, and his children, and his cattle?

(13) Jesus answered and said to her, **Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again:**

(14) **But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing<sup>c</sup> up into everlasting life.**

(15) The woman said to Him, Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor have to come here to draw.

(16) Jesus said to her, **Go, call your husband, and come here.**

(17) The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, **You have well said, I have no husband:**

(18) **Because you have had five husbands; and he whom you now**

have is not your husband: in that you have truly said.

(19) The woman said to him, Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

(20) Our fathers worshiped on this mountain;<sup>d</sup> and You {Jews} say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

(21) Jesus said to her, **Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming, when you shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.**

(22) **You worship what you do not know: we know what we worship: because salvation is of the Jews.**

(23) **But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: because the Father seeks such to worship Him.**

(24) **God is a Spirit: and those who worship Him must worship *Him* in spirit and in truth.**

(25) The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, Who is called Christ: when He comes, He will tell us all things.

(26) Jesus said to her, **I Who speak to you am *He*.**

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(27) And upon this His disciples came, and marveled that He talked with the woman: yet no man said, What do You seek? or, Why do You talk with her?

(28) The woman then left her water pot, and went her way into the city, and said to the men,

(29) Come, see a man, Who told me all things that I have ever done: is this not the Christ?

(30) Then they went out of the city, and came to Him.

(31) In the mean while His disciples begged Him, saying, Master, eat.

(32) But He said to them, **I have food to eat that you do not know of.**

(33) Therefore the disciples said one to another, Has any man brought Him *anything* to eat?

(34) Jesus said to them, **My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

(35) Do you not say, There are yet four months, and *then* comes harvest? Look, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; because they are white already to harvest.

(36) And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit to life eternal: that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

(37) And in this is that saying true, One sows, and another reaps.

(38) I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor: other men labored, and you have entered into their labors.

(39) And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him because of the words of the woman, who testified, He told me all that I ever did.

(40) So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they requested Him to stay with them: and He stayed there two days.

(41) And many more believed because of His own words;

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4:4a – Jesus had to go through Samaria. Jews normally would avoid going through Samaria, but Jesus had to go through Samaria because it was part of the Father's plan.

4:6b - sixth hour - i.e. noon – the fact that she was going to the well at noon rather than the normal time of early in the morning suggests that she was trying to avoid other women of the village

4:14c – water springing up – see Jn. 7:38-39

4:20d – Sychar (v. 5) in Samaria (v. 4) – north of Shiloh where the tabernacle was first set up after the Israelites entered the promised land – near Bethel - Josh. 18:1; Jg. 21:19; I Ki. 14:2; Is. 52:7